

**Abstinence Education Contractors
FY 2005**

Name of Project: **The Medical Institute for Sexual Health**
Bolstering the Border's Healthcare Infrastructure for Abstinence Education

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Population/service area	TDH Region 9: El Paso area

Project Summary:

- **Clinical Intervention**
Conduct a clinical intervention conference in El Paso for healthcare professionals. Topics may include: epidemiology of teen pregnancy, including emotional antecedents and sequelae; medical information that addresses the physical and emotional benefits of remaining or returning to abstinent behavior; the Uganda "ABC" experience describing how that country lowered its HIV/AIDS rats by an unprecedented two-thirds; medically accurate information on STI/STDs and sequelae; and, an update on STI/STD treatment protocols and patient screening.
- **Promotora Curriculum**
Develop special curriculum for promotor/as in Spanish that addresses, in a culturally sensitive manner, those aspects cited above associated with adolescent pregnancy, STI/STDs, adolescent sexual activity, and the benefits of the abstinence choice.
- **ChangeMakers**
Conduct one ChangeMakers seminar in El Paso for community leaders including educators, physicians, parents, school and clinic nurses, FBOs, elected officials, foundations, family planning clinics, mid-wives, and crisis pregnancy centers.
- **Materials in Spanish**
Produce 4 brochures in Spanish with medically accurate information on STI/STDs, sexual activities, medical consequences, prevention, and risk avoidance, etc. They are currently being translated and will be ready for printing (40,000 of each) during October. An additional 9 brochures are also being translated and designed, but printing will be dependent upon additional funding being made available.